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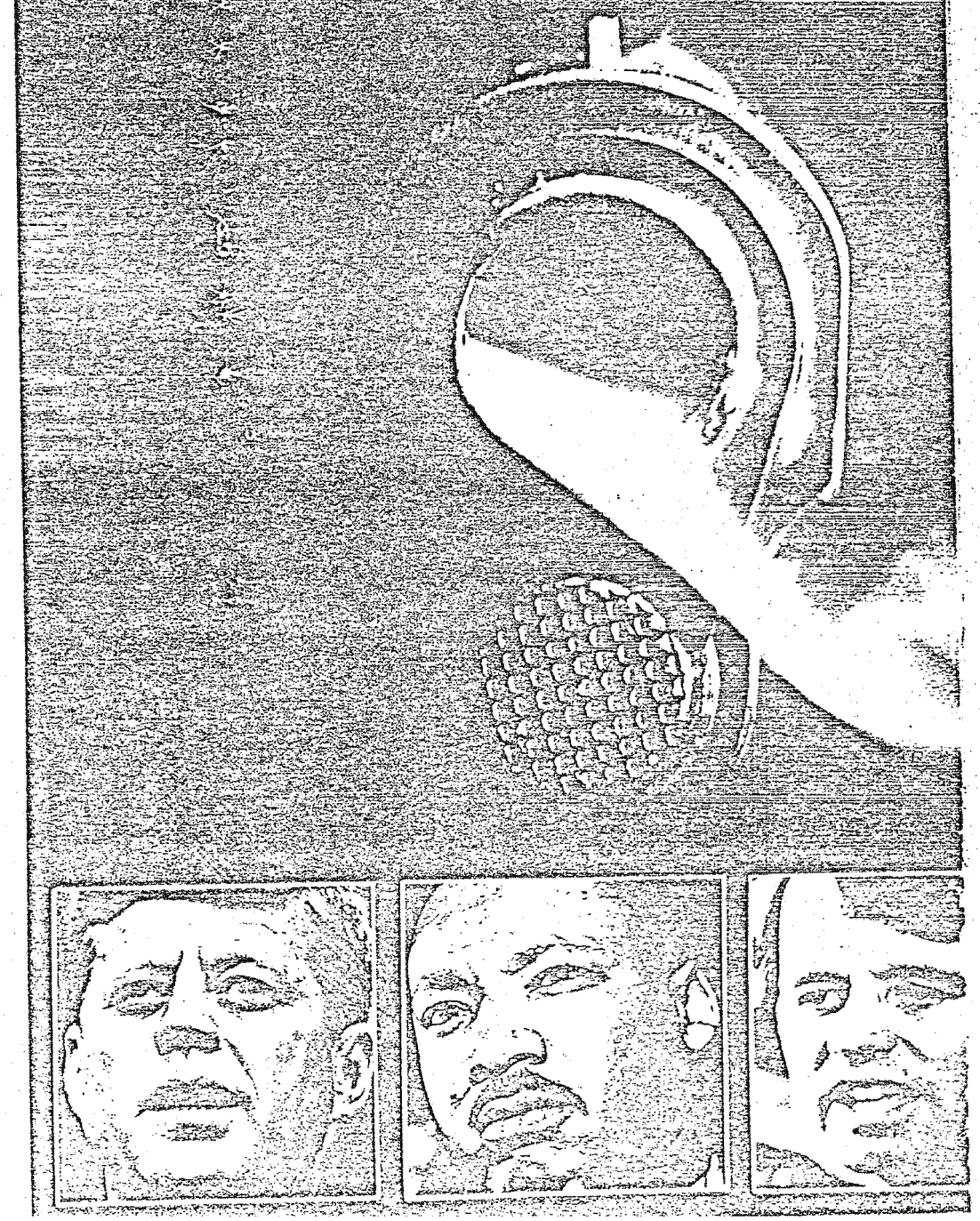
Gun Barrel Politics

Being the First and Perhaps the Ultimate Scenario on Assassination Conspiracies in Which Isolated Facts Are Connected by a Skein of Conjecture and Suspicion



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The Bay of Pigs left two groups of people with a deep hatred of John Kennedy. The anti-Castro exiles never their invasion force past the waterline Playa Giron because the cowardly Presnt Kennedy withdrew promised air pport. Planners and paramilitaries from CIA saw their careers ruined when the ite House dictated that scapegoats be stered. Regardless of the real truth of Bay of Pigs failure, after April 1961 a mber of men in the United States with spiratorial experience felt that John nnedy should not be in the White use.

The Bay of Pigs fiasco also galled a ently unemployed politician named chard M. Nixon. As early as mid-1959 xon had advocated a "military solun" to Fidel Castro's regime, and he d CIA chief Allen Dulles argued Presnt Eisenhower into approving the inrsion in March 1960. To Nixon's disty, however, Kennedy succeeded in king the toughest about Cuba in the 60 campaign's televised debates, call- for "support of the non-Batista demotic forces in exile, and in Cuba itself, o offer eventual hope of overthrowing stro." Nixon, privy to the clandestine ns already being made, could only deunce Kennedy for "dangerously irresnsible recommendations."

Someone to remember: A man using name "Frank Fiorini" helped the A recruit Cubans for the mission. He ally was Frank A. Sturgis, an American izen and a contract employee of the A. His superior was agent E. Howard nt.

In mid-1963 President Kennedy looked unbeatable for re-election, much so, in fact, that the political ople around him fretted over such matrs as whether to retain Lyndon Johnson the ticket. In 1960 Johnson had demstrated so little national appeal that his mination for the Presidency was never ken seriously by national party leaders. s Kennedy's Vice President, he suffered as the butt of "Whatever-appened-to-Lyndon?" jokes. Although one thought about the prospect—in dible voices, anyway—Republican ances for victory would be greatly enanced should fate permit them to run gainst Lyndon Johnson in 1964, rather an an incumbent President Kennedy. Or it appeared in November 1963.

On November 21, 1963, Wall Street wyer Richard Nixon visited Dallas to eak at a convention of a soft drink ottlers' association and to spread some ood will for a client, Pepsi Cola. Nixon ingled with bottlers at their convention otel—across the highway from the Dalas Trade Mart—and gave an interview to e *Dallas News* reporter ("Nixon Pre-